

Minutes of the City of Reading Charter Board

April 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Penn. Room by Vice Chair John Slifko. Also in attendance were Board members Barry Lloyd and Jerry Richter.

Administration

The next meeting of the Board will be held on April 20 at 7:00 P.M.. There were no further budgetary or administrative updates either from John or through Susan Gibson, who could not be present for the meeting.

Educational

Jerry stated that he was continuing to discuss with Steve Reinbrecht of BCTV how the Charter Board could best interface with the BCTV website to promote our educational objectives.

Advisory

John stated that he had still not forwarded to Eric Smith the outline and supporting documents concerning the Board's Advisory Opinion, on its own motion, in regard to the applicability of Charter Section 907 in light of a 2007 Commonwealth Court ruling. John will forward this information on to Eric as soon as possible.

Enforcement

(1) The Board next discussed the revised Rules of Administration and Procedure as drafted by Eric Smith on March 23, 2010 incorporating the wishes of the Board as expressed at its March 16 meeting. These revisions included a number of provisions for the IO to follow to ensure that complaints with mere technical defects or imprecise citations would nevertheless have an opportunity to be investigated. On a motion by Barry, seconded by Jerry, the revised Rules were adopted as drafted by a 3 to 0 vote.

The Board asked that Eric Smith convey these revised Rules to David Brennan as soon as possible and highlight the newest changes with further explanation and emphasis.

(2) Investigation #26. The Board next went into closed session regarding Investigation #26. The Findings Report for this Investigation was issued on March 10, and inasmuch as no evidentiary hearing was requested by March 30, it falls upon the Board to render a decision and Final Order based on the Findings Report alone. The Board has 60 days from the issuance of the Report (that is, until May 9) to render its Final Order.

After discussing the Findings Report in a preliminary fashion, the Board decided to disseminate the Report to the remaining Board members as soon as possible and continue discussion at the April 20 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

John Slifko, Vice Chair
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